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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures averaged slightly below normal in the northeast and near normal elsewhere. A little light snow fell over the eastern portion of the State Friday night and Saturday morning, but no other precipitation of consequence occurred.

February was wetter and warmer than normal. Mean temperatures averaged near normal in the extreme west to about 5 degrees above in the east. Precipitation was very heavy in the north to less than normal along the southern border. The outstanding feature of the month's weather was the severe blizzard on the 20th over the northern and western portions of the State.

CROPS Wheat benefited greatly by the snow that occurred March 1 and 2. This snow contained considerable moisture and covered the entire State. The snow was light in the southern Panhandle and central Nebraska. Southwestern Nebraska fared better, with approximately two-fifths of an inch of moisture. Except for a few south central counties, the snow did not drift badly.

Some counties reported wheat has started to grow again and there were also further reports of wheat sprouting that did not have sufficient moisture last fall to come up. With favorable temperatures this sprouted wheat should soon show above the ground as reports on wheat sprouting have been received for the past month. Some abandonment is expected, but so far, it appears this may be less than indicated by the condition last December. There have been some reports of wind having damaged some of the wheat in light sandy soils in western Nebraska.

The moisture received last week stopped farm field operations. Some corn stalks were cut previously and there were a few reports of spring grains having been sown. With few exceptions the supply of seed for spring planting seems to be ample. There is apparently an increasing interest in the application of commercial fertilizer, and some application to winter wheat fields and grasses has already been made.

Prices received for farm machinery have varied considerably. Demand for farm workers is increasing. Some counties report sufficient help while others are reporting a short supply of good farm hands. The soil moisture situation has improved and when the surface dries a little, the soil should be in good condition for early spring planting. The frost did not penetrate as deeply as usual and varied from shallow penetration in the south to the maximum of about one foot in the north. Because of the light freeze the run-off water from melting snow was very light.

LIVESTOCK The feed lots are generally muddy. There was some marketing of fat cattle but others are still holding, hoping to get a more favorable price. Hay supplies apparently will be ample and there is some available for sale. The winter moisture has been favorable for pasture, and with favorable temperatures, there should be early pasture. The abnormally heavy depth of snow in some northern counties resulted in some difficulty in getting hay for cattle and of course made range inaccessible.

Grain feed supplies are generally reported ample except in the Panhandle, with many eastern counties reporting a surplus. Concentrates are generally reported ample. With few exceptions, hay and forage are reported ample. Range is generally reported short with a few counties reporting ample.

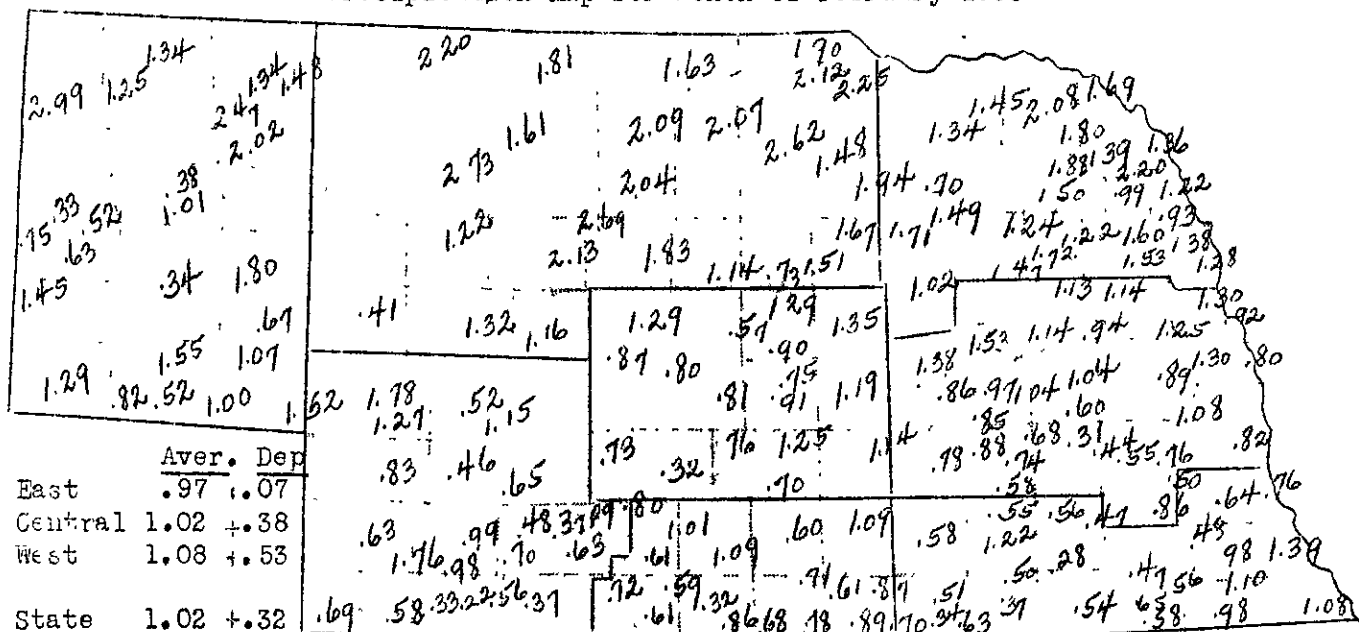
Reports on the lamb crop and pig crop have been very favorable. There is a good demand for brood sows and spring pigs. A few reports indicated more interest in poultry. Good quality of feed has increased milk production.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 9, 1953

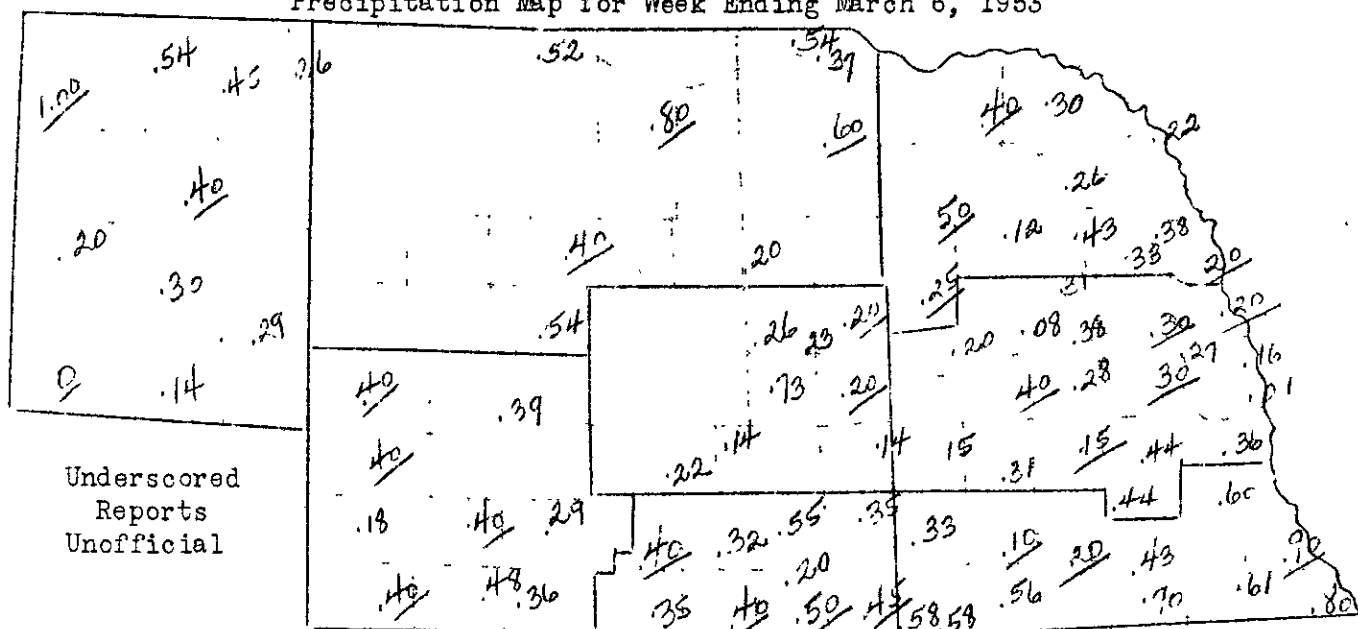
<u>Eastern Division</u>	<u>Central Division</u>	<u>Western Division</u>
Grand Island .02	Burwell 0	Chadron 0
Lincoln .11	Lexington 0	Imperial 0
Norfolk 0	North Platte .02	Scottsbluff 0
Omaha .06	Valentine .03	Sidney 0
Sioux City .05		

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Precipitation Map for Month of February 1953



Precipitation Map for Week Ending March 6, 1953



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (for 24 hours ending in a.m.)

		March		3rd		4th		5th		6th		7th		8th		9th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	--	5	27	16	39	25	44	15	39	30	48	28	55	29		
	Scottsbluff	--	2	27	1	43	26	51	23	49	31	56	28	59	28		
	Sidney	38	11	26	8	43	29	50	25	37	26	56	24	56	25		
N-C	Burwell	28	4	26	8	38	25	47	15	30	24	57	29	51	30		
	Valentine	26	-1	23	6	35	25	44	9	30	22	44	28	45	35		
NE	Norfolk	28	18	26	8	30	16	43	18	24	20	36	28	45	32		
	Sioux City	28	23	27	9	31	15	34	18	26	16	30	20	44	29		
Cen.	Grand Island	31	21	29	13	43	26	55	21	36	24	49	32	49	31		
	Lexington	29	17	29	6	45	27	52	23	36	26	54	26	56	30		
E-C	Lincoln	32	27	30	16	43	29	54	25	31	21	41	34	48	32		
	Omaha	32	27	30	16	35	23	47	24	29	21	37	23	46	30		
SW	Imperial	34	14	30	14	47	27	54	26	34	26	55	27	59	27		
	North Platte	30	5	27	2	43	23	50	22	35	27	54	26	59	30		

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